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Continuation of 11, does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because:

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed 11/21/2008 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

In response to applicant's argument that the teachings of the references Uehara et al and Sansone et al can not be bodily incorporated, the test for obviousness is not whether the features of a secondary reference may be bodily incorporated into the structure of the primary reference; nor is it that the claimed invention must be expressly suggested in any one or all of the references. Rather, the test is what the combined teachings of the references would have suggested to those of ordinary skill in the art. See *In re Keller*, 642 F.2d 413, 208 USPQ 871 (CCPA 1981).

In response to applicants argument that Uehara et al does not teach performing hydrophilic treatment and plasma processing. Applicant's attention is directed to figures 3-6,8 element 18 which applies energy to the medium 16, and also paragraph 0203 line 2 for the plasma processing.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to HENOK LEGESSE whose telephone number is (571)270-1615. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.- Fri. Between. 8:00 AM-6:00 PM.

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